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SUBJECT: EX SOVIET REFUGEES IN BELGIUM

REF: A. BRUSSELS 765 B. STATE 22389 C. STATE 24465

- 1. INS DISTRICT DIRECTOR BECHWITH INTERVIEWED 70 PERSONS IN BRUSSELS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24. OTHERS WHO HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR CANADA.
- 2. OF 70 INTERVIEWED, 30 WERE REJECTED AND 40 WILL CONTINUE PROCESSING. OF 30 REJECTED, 23 WERE REFUSED ON BASIS THEY HAD BEEN PERMANENTLY RESETTLED IN ISRAEL. THE SEVEN REJECTED FOR OTHER REASONS INCLUDE: (A) ONE DEAF DEPENDENT, WHO WAS APPARENTLY PART OF AN OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE FAMILY, ON GROUNDS SHE MIGHT BECOME A PUBLIC CHARGE; (B) A FAMILY OF 5 AS PROBABLE PUBLIC CHARGES; AND (C)ONE PERSONE REFUSED FOR CP MEMBERSHIP. NEXT INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 16.
- 3. FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEPHONED MARCH 3 TO ASK FOR LATEST INFO IN ORDER TO ANSWER A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION. WE HAD PREVIIUSLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURNISHED MINISTRY INFO PROVIDED REF C. IN VIEW TREND OF FEBRUARY

INTERVIEWS, WE WARNED MINISTRY NOT TO ASSUME THAT RATIO OF ACCEPTANCES/REJECTIONS WHICH EMERGED IN EXAMINATION OF FIRST 350 INTERVIEWED WOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT LAST 200 REMAINING TO BE INTERVIEWED AS OF DATE OF INFO IN REF C.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING STATEMENT REGARDING REF A AND PROMISED REF B TO PASS BELGIANS, WHO CONTINUE TO HAVE FAITH IN USG HANDLING OF ISSUE. FIRESTONE

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